The department also participated in various exhibitions held in different parts of India, as a result of which the industrial products of the State received much publicity.

10. *Conclusion*:—Government are glad to note the good work in several directions done by the department during the year, under the guidance of the Director, Mr. M. S. Ramchendra Rao.

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Reports on the working of the several Town and Minor Municipal Councils in the State for the year 1938-39.

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The Reports on the Working of the several Town and Minor Municipal Councils in the State for the year 1938-39 and the reviews of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts thereon.

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Recorded.

2. *Changes in the Limits, Management, etc., of Municipalities.*—There were 40 Town and 64 Minor Municipal Councils in the State as in the previous year. The boundaries of Dodballapur and Tirthahalli Municipalities were extended. The Sugar Factory area at Mandya was constituted into a separate Board called the Mysore Sugar Town Board and separate rules were issued for the administration of the area. The proposal to extend the boundary of Krishnarajpet so as to include Hosahalalu village within its area was under consideration and it has since been sanctioned. The municipalities of Channapatna, Mugur and Tirthahalli continued to be under Government management. The Honnali Minor Municipal Council which was under supersession was re-established during the year.

3. *Reconstitution of Municipal Councils.*—No general elections were held in any of the municipalities except in the Saklespur Town Municipality, and the Jagalur Minor Municipality where elections were confined to ten seats consequent on the setting aside by the Davangere Munsiff of the general elections held in the month of November 1936. The terms of most of the Town and Minor Municipal Councils that were to expire during the year were extended by one year, so that the changes contemplated in respect of the local bodies by the recommendations of the Mysore Reforms Committee might be given effect to. Casual vacancies in many of the municipal councils caused on account of resignations, etc., were duly filled up either by holding bye-elections or by nomination. As regards the offices of Vice-Presidents, fresh elections were held in the municipalities of Kunigal, Chitaldrug, Holalkere, Molakalmuru, Mandya and Malvalli and bye-elections in Birur, Belakavadi and Periyapatna Municipalities.

4. *Strength of Municipal Councils and Meetings.*—The total number of members of all the municipal councils on the last day of the year was 1,670, of whom 1,119 were elected, 312 nominated by Government and 239 *ex-officio* members. The municipal councils held 1,027 ordinary, 249 adjourned and 552 special meetings, the total number of meetings being 1,828. The municipal councils of Closepet, Narasimharajapura and Mudgere are stated to have held meetings below the prescribed minimum. The attendance of both the official and non-official members at the meetings of the municipal councils is reported to be fairly good, although the number of adjourned meetings is rather large. Government observe that there is scope for improvement in this direction.

5. *Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Chief Officers.*—The municipal councils of Tumkur, Tiptur, Malur and Jagalur had non-official Presidents. All the municipal councils, except that of Chikmagalur, continued to have non-official elected Vice-Presidents. The municipal councils of Chikballapur and Davangere have been recently given the privileges of electing non-official Presidents from among their members and a non-official President has since been appointed to the Hosdurga Minor Municipal Council. Chief Officers were employed in ten municipalities, *viz.*, Channapatna, Mandya, Seringapatam, Nanjangud, Chikballapur, Tumkur, Sagar, Shimoga, Chikmagalur and Davangere. Appointments of Chief Officers have since been made in the Hassan and Gubbi Town Municipalities.

6. *Committees.*—Government regret to observe that there has been no improvement in the working of Committees excepting in a very few municipalities in Bangalore, Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Kadur Districts. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to impress upon the municipal councils the importance of these Committees meeting regularly for the quick despatch of municipal business.

7. *Rules and Bye-laws.*—Government issued the following rules during the year :—

(i) For the registration of births and deaths in the minor municipalities in Bangalore and Shimoga Districts.

(ii) For the regulation of dangerous and offensive trades in the minor municipalities of the State.

(iii) For regulating the interpellation of the President by the Municipal Councillors in minor municipalities on matters connected with municipal administration.

(iv) For regulating the grant of plague-shed advances to the employees of local boards including municipalities.

Rules—

(1) for the levy of taxes (Octroi Duty) in Magadi and Shimoga,
(2 for the regulation of water-supply in Hoskote and Nagamangala,
(3) for the levy of tax on dogs and the levy of tolls in Shimoga, and
(4) for the delegation of powers to the President and the levy of water-rate and lighting tax in Chikmagalur, were sanctioned.

Bye-laws were sanctioned for the—

(1) Registration of births and deaths in Magadi, Closepet and Shimoga.
(2) Compulsory registration of marriages in Magadi, Closepet, Tumkur, Sira Chiknayakanhalli, Madhugiri, Gubbi, Kunigal, Chitaldrug, Harihar, Shimoga, Chikmagalur, Tarikere, Arsikere, Mandya, Hunsur and Chamarajanagar.
(3) Regulation and inspection of municipal markets in Magadi.
(4) Levy of octroi in Magadi, Closepet, Kunigal, Sagar and Chamarajnagar.
(5) Numbering and registration of vehicles in Magadi, Gubbi, Harihar and Sagar.
(6) Levy of shop-tax in Closepet.
(7) Collection of toll at the municipal toll-gates in Bowringpet.
(8) Regulation of slaughter-houses in Davangere.
(9) Issue of licenses for regulating hotels and coffee clubs in Davangere and Sagar.
(10) Maintenance of dairy farms and sheds in Sagar.
(11) The levy of lighting tax in Hunsur.
(12) Construction of buildings in Gundlupet Town Municipality.

The attention of the municipal councils is once again invited to the provisions of Section 49 of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1933, according to which they should get the rules and bye-laws in force in the respective municipalities printed and make them available for sale to the public. It is hoped that at least during the current year, the municipal councils would get the rules and bye-laws consolidated and printed for the sake of convenience.

8. *Finance and Incidence of Taxation.*—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 4,54,829. The receipts and expenditure during the year amounted to

Rs. 18,71,926 (Rs. 18,88,999) and Rs. 19,04,733 (Rs. 18,35,351), respectively. The closing balance at the end of the year was Rs. 4,22,022. The expenditure was more than the income in the Kolar, Tumkur, Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts. The financial condition of the several municipal councils continued to be poor and they were unable to maintain the prescribed minimum balance. It is expedient that the municipal councils should observe the strictest possible economy and restrict their expenditure only to obligatory items. The average incidence of taxation per head of population ranged from Re. 0-4-8 in Naikanhatti Minor Municipality to Rs. 6-10-3 in Koppa Minor Municipality. Assessment on buildings and lands was revised in Hoskote, Hiriyur, Naikanhatty, Hosdurga, Channagiri, Hassan, Channarayapatna, Navanalelagola and Talkad Municipalities and the work of revision of assessment in Chennapatna, Agara Mamballi, Mule and Saligrama Municipalities was nearing completion.

9. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—Out of a total demand of Rs. 20,51,004 including the arrears, a sum of Rs. 15,88,476 was collected, leaving a balance of Rs 4,62,528 as against Rs. 4,27,681 at the end of the previous year. Prevalence of plague and adverse seasonal conditions are reported to have hampered the collection work in certain municipalities in the Kolar and the Kadur Districts.

In the following Municipalities, the arrears were more than Rs. 10,000:—

		Rs.
1.	Davangere	23,304
2.	Shimoga	20,929
3.	Chennapatna	16,722
4.	Tumkur	16,584
5.	Hassan	16,290
6.	Chikmagalur	15,566
7.	Closepet	15,467
8.	Nanjangud	13,215
9.	Harihar	11,896
10.	Kolar	11,249

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to see that every endeavour is made to reduce the arrears by prompt collection of recoverable arrears and by writing off the accounts irrecoverable and time-barred, arrears, if any. Government desire that the municipal councils should note well that good collection is the basic factor for successful administration.

10. *Water Supply, Drainage and other Town Improvement Works.*—Government made a grant of Rs. 2,79,400 for water-supply, drainage and other town improvement works in towns during the year. They also sanctioned loans to the municipal councils of Mandya, Chikmagalur, Kolar, Bowringpet, Shimoga, Belur, Arkalgud, Hoskote and Seringapatam in order to enable them to meet their quota of the cost of the works.

Water-supply schemes of Hoskote, Shikarpur and the works of constructing jewell filters at Chitaldrug and supplying filtered water to Haribar from Davangere water wells at the place were completed during the year. Water-supply in Arsikere was improved by laying out sub-mains. Pipes were laid out for supply of water to Mellote. The schemes of improving the Kolar water-supply and constructing settling tanks and erecting jewell gravity filters at Harihar for the improvement of water-supply to Davangere were taken on hand and were nearing completion at the end of the year. An outlay of Rs. 57,755 was incurred up to the end of June 1939, on account of the Hassan Water Supply. Improvement schemes for the supply of water to Shimoga, Sagar, Bowringpet and Bhadravati were under progress. Fresh borewells were sunk at Madlugiri and Channagiri. The municipal councils of Kumsi and Hosnagar arranged for the supply of water from borewells through pipes.

The third stage of the drainage scheme of Goribidnur was completed during the year. The Tumkur drainage scheme and the drainage works of Chikmagalur, Tarikere, Hassan (second stage), Chamarajnagar (fifth stage) and Hunsur were under progress and those of Doddaballapur, Kankanhalli and Channapatna were undertaken during the year. The proposal of providing drains in the Coimbatore Colony and extension of Hiriyur Minor Municipality at a cost of Rs. 4,915 was sanctioned, the cost being met by the Government and the Municipal Council in

equal proportions. The third stage of the Davangere drainage has since been completed at a cost of Rs. 28,200.

Formation of a municipal park in Chintamani at Rs. 3,000 and construction of a waiting shed in the bus stand in Chikmagalur at Rs. 4,200 were completed. The work of breaching Somaiya's Tank in Shimoga was nearing completion. A seven-year scheme was sanctioned by Government during the year for effecting repairs to the rampart walls and for tidying up the fort, etc., at Seringapatam at a cost of Rs. 2,000 per annum from the year 1938-39.

In order to prevent lapsing of grants and the consequent delay in the execution of works, modified rules have since been issued by Government for the drawing of town improvement and water-supply grants allotted to the several municipalties in the State every year.

11. *Public Health and Sanitation.*—Public Health was generally good during the year, except for occasional outbreak of (1) plague in Anekal, Nelamangala and Devanhalli in Bangalore District; Chikballapur, Bowringpet, Srinivaspur and Chintamani in Kolar District; all municipalities except Koppa and Sringeri in Kadur District; Arsikere and Belur in Hassan District; and certain municipalities in Mysore District, (2) small-pox in Hosnagar, Sringeri and Koppa, (3) cholera in Hole-Narsipur and Arkalgud, and (4) typhoid fever in Tumkur Town. Malaria prevailed in the Kadur District as usual. Necessary preventive and precautionary measures are reported to have been adopted by the concerned municipalities to check the spread of the epidemics.

12. *Public Safety and Convenience.*—The question of maintenance including the tarring of State Fund and District Fund Roads passing through municipal limits by the Public Works Department which was under consideration during the previous year has since been sanctioned, exempting the municipal councils from payment of their contributions in future.

The works of constructing (1) Maternity Homes at Chintamani, Devanhalli, Koppa and Kadur, (2) Local Fund Dispensary at Yelahanka, (3) Child Welfare Centre at Chikmagalur and (4) Tuberculosis Hospital at Davangere were completed during the year. The Veterinary Dispensaries at Srinivaspur and Saligrama and the Maternity Hospital at Chintamani started work during the year. The works of constructing a Veterinary Dispensary and a Combined Dispensary at Rs. 6,770 and Rs. 17,000, respectively, at Chamarajnagar and of the District Hospital at Mandya were under progress. The construction of a Nursery School at Nanjangud was nearing completion.

The municipalities of Hunsur, Krishnarajanagar and T.-Narsipur and the Belur Temple were provided with electric lights during the year. The electrification scheme of Kunigal was nearing completion.

Radio amenities were provided to the public by the municipal councils of Kolar, Chikballapur, Chikmagalur and Koppa.

The Municipal High Schools at Dodballapur, Bowringpet, Chintamani, Sagar and Hole-Narsipur and the School Board of the Tumkur Local Education Authority continued to do satisfactory work. Government sanctioned during the year the holding of a cattle fair in Chikmagalur in the month of January every year. Cattle shows were held at Krishnarajanagar, Malvalli, Kolar and Hassan. An exhibition of industrial and agricultural products was also organised during the cattle show at Kolar.

The municipal councils continued payments of their contributions and grants-in-aid towards the various humanitarian movements and institutions such as Primary Education, Medical Inspection, Indian Red Cross Society, Anti-Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, Leprosy Relief, Reading Rooms, Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas and Unani Dawakhanas.

13. *Audit of Accounts.*—The accounts of all the municipalities for the year 1937-38 are reported to have been inspected by the Local Audit Department Staff of the Comptroller's Office. Special arrangements have been made to write up the Mobatafa accounts of the Nanjangud Town Municipality from the year 1930-31 and make them ready for special audit. But Government regret to observe that,

in spite of the specific direction in their previous reviews, no information has been furnished in the administration reports of the municipalities of the districts regarding the action taken to dispose of the audit notes and objection statements promptly. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to require the municipal councils to bring to disposal all the pending audit notes of the previous years before the close of this year at least and to make mention of this fact invariably in their reviews on the working of the municipal councils for the year 1939-40.

A sum of Rs. 167-14-0 being the amount of mohatarfa collected in the Nanjangud Town Municipality was misappropriated by the bill collector who has absconded. There was another case of defalcation of mohatarfa collections in Sidlaghatta. Both the clerk and the bill collector of the municipality were dismissed from service and the amount was made good by the bill collector. One case of theft of mohatarfa collections amounting to Rs. 287 in Mulbagal was also reported during the year. Disciplinary action was taken against the officials responsible for the loss and the amount was subsequently made good by the concerned clerk.

14. *Inspections.*—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts inspected, as usual, the several municipal offices in their districts and issued necessary instructions for the rectification of the defects noticed by them. The Revenue Sub-Division Officers of Davangere, Tarikere, Chikmagalur, Mysore, Nanjangud and French-Rocks only are reported to have inspected the minor municipalities in their respective jurisdictions. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to issue necessary instructions to other Revenue Sub-Division Officers to make similar inspections of the minor municipalities in their charge.

15. *General.*—Panchalinga Darashana Jatra was held at Talkad during the year and the Royal Family paid a visit to the place on the occasion. His Highness the Maharaja and His Excellency the Viceroy were graciously pleased to visit Malvalli and Seringapatam, respectively, on their way to open the Shimsha Bridge and to Mysore. His Highness the Yuvaraja was graciously pleased to perform the opening ceremony of the Clock Tower at Darga in Kolar and to visit Chitaldrug in connection with the Eighth Mysore State Scout Rally.

Government are glad to note that the members of the municipal councils continued to evince keen interest in municipal administration, but, however, they desire that greater attention should be paid towards the collection of the heavy arrears so that the municipalities may be able to attend to the several necessary improvements better.

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Elections to the District Boards.

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Government have ordered that the elections to the various District Boards shall be held on 1st May 1940. In order that the elections may be conducted expeditiously, Government are pleased to direct that the Deputy Commissioners of Districts may, whenever necessary, indent upon the services of officers of other departments to help their own staff in the work of polling. Government trust that the Heads of Departments and officers will comply with the requisitions of the Deputy Commissioners promptly.

2. The services of officers of the Palace and of the Medical, Veterinary, Police, Railway and Electrical Departments will not, however, be available for election work.

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